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Meeting of the Board of Prison Commissioners
October 14, 2008

For the record, my name is Michelle Ravell.

Members of the Board of Prison Commissioners:

I am not at all happy with how you are currently wasting so many taxpayer dollars ignoring the laws as they relate to AB510 and Mandatory Parole Release. The Board of Parole Commissioners and the Department of Prisons should be accountable for the money they waste. I think it should come out of their budget the following year. That way there would be some motivation on their part to follow the law instead of ignoring it. The only other recourse is to sue and I am in effect suing myself so that isn't a good answer.

My expectations are high where government business is concerned. I want to go on the record saying that you are not doing your jobs. You should be putting more energy and attention into what is going on in our prisons, how our prisoners are being treated and how they are spending our tax dollars.

I am sure that I am not the only person who has noticed that during the 2007 legislative session the prisons were bursting at the seams and we needed to build more at a cost of 383 million, then when the budget crisis hit, we didn't have as many prisoners as we expected, so we could close prisons, and now suddenly we need to build more prisons again. All this time the prison population has remained static. Where are the prisoners to fill our prisons coming from? Please take the time to review Dr. Austin's reports to the ACAJ to see what I am alluding to.

And we aren't releasing prisoners that should be released on MPR. Why? I want to know. I want some answers as to why my tax dollars are being wasted on keeping people in prison who should be out on parole. I want these people who are being released to have 12 months of being monitored and assisted back into society. I do not feel safe knowing that you would rather dump them at the bus station with 21 dollars and no supervision.

These and many other issues need to be addressed by those that we elect into office. The Parole Board and the Director of Prisons are creating huge potential liabilities in the way of civil lawsuits for this state, and we the taxpayer will again, have to pay for the mistakes of those appointed and/or elected. I am really growing weary of paying the salaries of people who don't represent me, and don't monitor their appointees. It is my money and I want a say in how it is spent.

You need to keep in mind that there are people actually watching what you are doing, and you therefore need to be absolutely sure that anything you do meets the criteria of conforming to the laws of the State of Nevada. And you need to pay close attention to how you are spending our tax dollars. We elected you to do that. That is your job.

I am a taxpayer, and I vote.

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